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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

DESIGNATION FORM

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el or pro se plaintiff to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to the appropriate calendar) Philadelphia PA Address of Plaintiff: ___ Springfield PA Address of Defendant: Springfield PA Place of Accident, Incident or Transaction: RELATED CASE, IF ANY: N/A Date Terminated Case Number: Judge: _ Civil cases are deemed related when Yes is answered to any of the following questions: Is this case related to property included in an earlier numbered suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court? Does this case involve the same issue of fact or grow out of the same transaction as a prior suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court? Does this case involve the validity or infringement of a patent already in suit or any earlier numbered case pending or within one year previously terminated action of this court? Is this case a second or successive habeas corpus, social security appeal, or pro se civil rights case filed by the same individual? I certify that, to my knowledge, the within case is is it is not related to any case now bending or within one year previously terminated action in this court except as noted above. DATE 05/23/2019 37692 Attorney I.D. # (if applicable) Attorney-at-Law / Pro Se Plaintiff CIVIL: (Place a √ in one category only) Federal Question Cases: Diversity Jurisdiction Cases: Indemnity Contract, Marine Contract, and All Other Contracts Insurance Contract and Other Contracts 2 Airplane Personal Injury 2 Jones Act-Personal Injury Assault, Defamation Antıtrust Marine Personal Injury 5 Motor Vehicle Personal Injury Patent Other Personal Injury (Please specify) Labor-Management Relations Civil Rights Products Liability Habeas Corpus Products Liability - Asbestos Securities Act(s) Cases All other Diversity Cases 10. Social Security Review Cases (Please specify) 11. All other Federal Question Cases (Please specify) ARBITRATION CERTIFICATION (The effect of this certification is to remove the case from eligibility for arbitration.) Robert T Vance Jr I, __, counsel of record or pro se plaintiff, do hereby certify ursuant to Local Civil Rule 53.2, § 3(c) (2), that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the damages recoverable in this civil action case sceed the sum of \$150,000 00 exclusive of interest and costs Relief other than monetary damages is sought

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May 23, 2019

By hand delivery
Kate Barkman, Clerk
USDC, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
2609 US Courthouse
601 Market Street
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Re: Karen Thompkins v. Crozer-Keystone Health System, et al.

Dear Ms. Barkman:

Enclosed for filing in the above case is the Complaint, a CD containing the Complaint in pdf format, and a check for \$400 for the filing fee.

Sincerely.

Robert T Vance Jr

MAY 23 2019

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Karen Thompkins :

v. : Civil Action No.

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Jury Trial Demanded

Crozer-Keystone Health System and

Prospect Medical Holdings, Inc.

Complaint

Plaintiff, Karen Thompkins, brings a series of claims against Defendants, Crozer-Keystone Health System and Prospect Medical Holdings, Inc., of which the following is a statement:

Jurisdiction and Venue

- 1. This Court has original jurisdiction to hear this Complaint and adjudicate the claims stated herein under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1343, this action being brought under the Civil Rights Act of 1866, 42 U.S.C. § 1981 ("Section 1981"), and the Civil Rights Act of 1991, Pub. L. 102-166, 105 Stat. 1071 (Nov. 21, 1991).
- 2. Venue is proper in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(c).

The Parties

- 3. Plaintiff, Karen Thompkins, is an African-American female citizen of the United States and a resident of this judicial district.
- 4. Defendant, Crozer-Keystone Health System ("Crozer-Keystone"), established in 1990, provides wellness, prevention, acute care, rehabilitation and restorative care services.

 Crozer-Keystone comprises five (5) hospitals (Crozer-Chester Medical Center, Delaware County Memorial Hospital, Taylor Hospital, Springfield Hospital and Community Hospital) and has

6,000 employees. Crozer-Keystone's headquarters is located at 100 West Sproul Road, Springfield PA 19064. In July 2016, Crozer-Keystone was acquired by Defendant Prospect Medical Holdings, Inc. The acts set forth in this Complaint were authorized, ordered, condoned and/or done by Crozer-Keystone's officers, agents, employees and/or representatives while actively engaged in the management of Crozer-Keystone's business.

5. Defendant, Prospect Medical Holdings, Inc. ("Prospect"), established in 1996, provides healthcare services in California, Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Texas. Prospect owns 20 acute and behavioral hospitals in those states. Prospect's principal place of business is located at 3415 South Sepulveda Boulevard, 9th Floor, Los Angeles CA 90034. The acts set forth in this Complaint were authorized, ordered, condoned and/or done by Prospect's officers, agents, employees and/or representatives while actively engaged in the management of Prospect's business.

Background Facts

- 6. Ms. Thompkins was employed by defendants as a PRN Registered Nurse in the Alcohol & Drug Rehabilitation Unit at Crozer-Chester Medical Center from June 2017 until March 16, 2018, when defendants terminated her employment because of her race and in retaliation for her complaints about race discrimination.
- 7. According to Ms. Thompkins's job description, she was to report to the Director of Nursing and the Nursing Supervisor.
- 8. On August 5, 2017, Ms. Thompkins worked in an understaffed and unsafe environment. That day, Elizabeth Lombardo, a White female RN, removed the nurse and a Patient Care Generalist from Ms. Thompkins's unit and transferred them to Ms. Lombardo's unit, which left Ms. Thompkins and an inexperienced orientee (whom Ms. Lombardo was

supposed to orient) on her unit. Ms. Thompkins's unit had 32 patients, while Ms. Lombardo's unit had only 10-12 patients. Ms. Thompkins notified William Shriner, a White male and defendants's Nursing Supervisor, about the situation, but no action was taken to obtain additional coverage for Ms. Thompkins's unit. Mr. Shriner also refused to give Ms. Thompkins an Unsafe Staffing Sheet, which prevented her from officially documenting the unsafe event.

- 9. In September 2017, Ms. Lombardo again removed the nurse from Ms. Thompkins's unit and transferred her to Ms. Lombardo's unit, leaving Ms. Thompkins and an inexperienced orientee with 32 patients to care for.
- 10. On January 21, 2018, Ms. Thompkins complained to Mr. Shriner about unsafe staffing resulting from Peggy Malone, a White female RN, removing a Patient Care Generalist, Latifa Montgomery, from Ms. Thompkins's unit and transferring her to Ms. Malone's unit.

 Again, however, no action was taken to provide additional staff coverage.
- 11. On January 22, 2018, Ms. Thompkins notified Deborah Jackson, a Black female and defendants's Acting Clinical Director of the Detox Unit, about the lack of staff support and the resultant stressful and hostile work environment. Ms. Jackson acknowledged Ms. Thompkins's concerns, but took no action to resolve them.
- 12. On February 3, 2018, Ms. Montgomery refused to perform safety checks on patients when ordered to do so by Ms. Thompkins, who at the time was serving as the Charge Nurse. Ms. Thompkins immediately notified Mr. Shriner about Ms. Montgomery's insubordination. However, he took no action against Ms. Montgomery. Later during that shift, Ms. Montgomery left Ms. Thompkins's unit without notifying Ms. Thompkins, and Cindy Babiak, a White female RN from another unit, removed Ms. Montgomery from the unit and transferred her to Ms. Babiak's unit. Ms. Thompkins complained to Mr. Shriner about these

actions, which caused her to experience stress, a migrane, elevated blood pressure, anxiety and chest pain. Ms. Thompkins was treated in the emergency room; she was not cleared to return to work until February 5, 2018.

- 13. Upon her return to work on February 5, Ms. Thompkins notified Carmela Marasiak, a White female and Clinical Director of Nursing for PRN Departments of Nursing about the incidents. Ms. Marasiak scheduled a meeting for February 9 to discuss the incidents.
- 14. At the meeting on February 9, Ms. Thompkins recounted the events she had experienced since her hiring date. Rather than address those issues, Ms. Jackson asked Ms. Thompkins whether some physical contact had occurred between her and Ms. Montgomery. At the conclusion of the meeting, Ms. Marasiak told Ms. Thompkins that she was being removed from the work schedule pending an investigation.
- 15. Later that day, Ms. Marasiak called Ms. Thompkins and told her that her complaint had been referred to the Chief Nursing Officer, that she should not have been removed from the work schedule, that she was being put back on the work schedule, and that the only reasons she had been removed from the work schedule was for her safety so that she would not have to be subjected to that environment.
- 16. On February 12, 2018, Ms. Marasiak sent Ms. Thompkins an email threatening to terminate her employment if she did not complete by February 16 the annual evaluation that was due on January 9. However, Ms. Thompkins did not know and had never been notified that her annual evaluation was past due. She completed the evaluation on February 13.
- 17. On February 13, Catherine Melliniotis, a White female and defendants's Clinical Director of the Detox Unit, called Ms. Thompkins to schedule a meeting for February 14 among her, Ms. Thompkins and Ms. Montgomery regarding an allegation that Ms. Thompkins has

physically pushed Ms. Montgomery on February 3, the same day that Ms. Thompkins had complained to Mr. Shriner that Ms. Montgomery was insubordinate. Ms. Thompkins told Ms. Melliniotis that she believed she was being retaliated against for complaining about safety issues and that Mr. Shriner also should attend the February 14 meeting. Ms. Melliniotis told Ms. Thompkins that she was putting the meeting on hold, and Ms. Thompkins notified Ms. Marasiak about the matter.

- 18. On February 15, Ms. Marasiak emailed Ms. Thompkins to schedule a meeting for February 16. Ms. Thompkins informed Ms. Marasiak that she was ill and would not be able to attend a meeting until the following week.
- 19. On February 16, Ms. Marasiak emailed Ms. Thompkins to inform her that she was removed from the work schedule until they could meet. In response, Ms. Thompkins informed Ms. Marasiak that she believed that she was being discriminated and retaliated against.
- 20. On February 20, Ms. Thompkins emailed Ms. Marasiak to attempt to schedule a meeting. Ms. Marasiak did not respond to that request.
- 21. On March 5, 2018, Ms. Marasiak emailed Ms. Thompkins to schedule a meeting for March 6. However, a meeting was confirmed for March 9. In attendance at the meeting were senior management personnel, including Noreen Caldwell, a White female and defendants's Administrative Director, Ms. Melliniotis, Ms. Jackson, Mark Mungan, a White male and defendants's Director of Human Resources, and Ms. Marasiak. Mr. Shriner did not attend the meeting, despite Ms. Thompkins having requested his attendance. During the meeting, Ms. Thompkins told the senior management personnel that she believed she was being discriminated and retaliated against, and denied the allegation that she bumped into Ms. Montgomery.

- 22. On March 16, 2018, Ms. Marasiak emailed Ms. Thompkins informing her that defendants had completed their investigation and that her employment was terminated effective immediately that day.
- 23. Defendants's termination of Ms. Thompkins was motivated by race and in retaliation for her complaints of race discrimination and harassment.
- 24. Ms. Thompkins has suffered, is now suffering and will continue to suffer emotional distress, mental anguish, loss of enjoyment of life and other non-pecuniary losses as a direct and proximate result of defendants's discrimination.
 - 25. Defendants discriminated against Ms. Thompkins because of her race.
- 26. By reason of defendants's discrimination and retaliation, Ms. Thompkins suffered extreme harm, including loss of income and other employment benefits, loss of professional opportunities, embarrassment and humiliation.
- 27. Defendants acted and failed to act willfully, maliciously, intentionally and with reckless disregard for Ms. Thompkins's rights.

Count I

The Civil Rights Act of 1866, 42 U.S.C. §1981

- 28. Plaintiff restates and realleges paragraphs 1-27, inclusive, as though set forth here in full.
- 29. Ms. Thompkins had a federal statutory right under the Civil Rights Act of 1866, 42 U.S.C. §1981 ("Section 1981"), as amended, to be accorded the same rights as were enjoyed by White employees with respect to the terms and conditions of their employment relationship with defendants and to the enjoyment of all benefits, privileges, terms and conditions of that relationship.

- 30. Defendants's conduct described above deprived Ms. Thompkins of the rights, privileges and immunities guaranteed to her under Section 1981.
- 31. Defendants's conduct was intentional, deliberate, willful and conducted in callous disregard of Ms. Thompkins's federally protected rights.
- 32. By reason of defendants's conduct, Ms. Thompkins is entitled to all legal and equitable relief available under Section 1981.

Jury Demand

33. Ms. Thompkins hereby demands a trial by jury as to all issues so triable.

Prayer for Relief

Wherefore, Plaintiff, Karen Thompkins, respectfully prays that the Court:

- a. adjudge, decree and declare that defendants have engaged in illegal race discrimination, and that the actions and practices of defendants complained of herein are violative of her rights under Section 1981;
- b. order defendants to provide appropriate job relief to Ms. Thompkins, including reinstatement;
- c. enter judgment in favor of Ms. Thompkins and against defendants for all available remedies and damages under law and equity, including, but not limited to, back pay, front pay, reinstatement, past and future mental anguish and pain and suffering, in amounts to be determined at trial;
- d. order defendants to pay the attorney's fees, costs and expenses and expert witness fees of Ms. Thompkins associated with this case;

- e. grant such other and further legal and equitable relief as may be found appropriate and as the Court may deem just or equitable; and
- f. retain jurisdiction until such time as the Court is satisfied that defendants have remedied the unlawful and illegal practices complained of herein and is determined to be in full compliance with the law.

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